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Additional material has been released as a result of this review.

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1. USSR

a. [redacted]

b. [redacted]

c. [redacted]

d. [redacted]

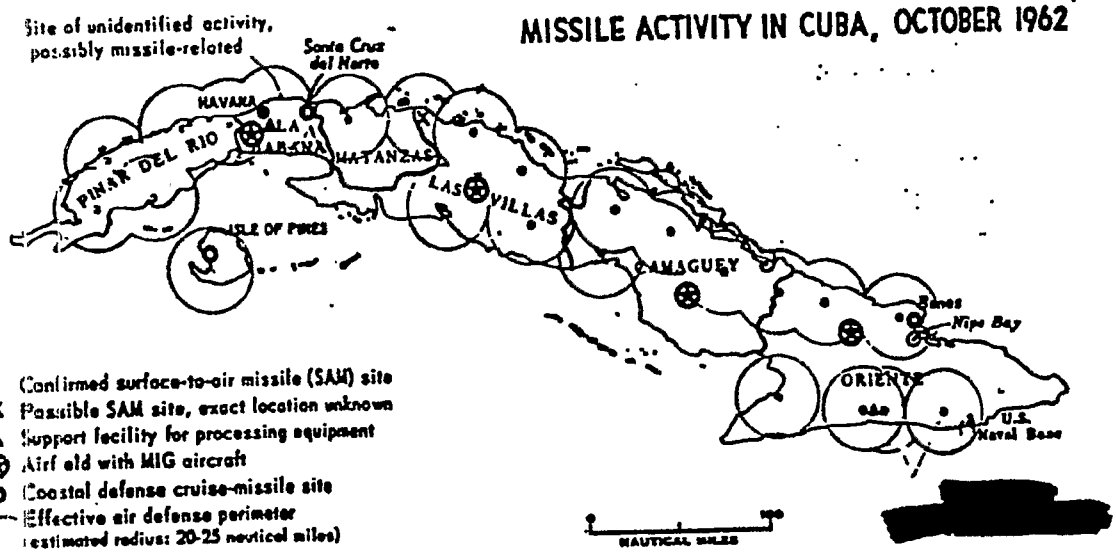
e. [redacted]

2. Cuba

a. Our latest photography has turned up two more SA-2 surface-to-air missile sites, both in Oriente province. One of these, near the town of Cabanas, is the first site within SA-2 range of the air approaches to Guantanamo.

b. The photography also shows that one of the previously confirmed sites has now been abandoned, making the present total twenty-one.

c. Seven of the twelve sites observed on this occasion now have missiles on launcher; some of these are probably operational. [redacted]



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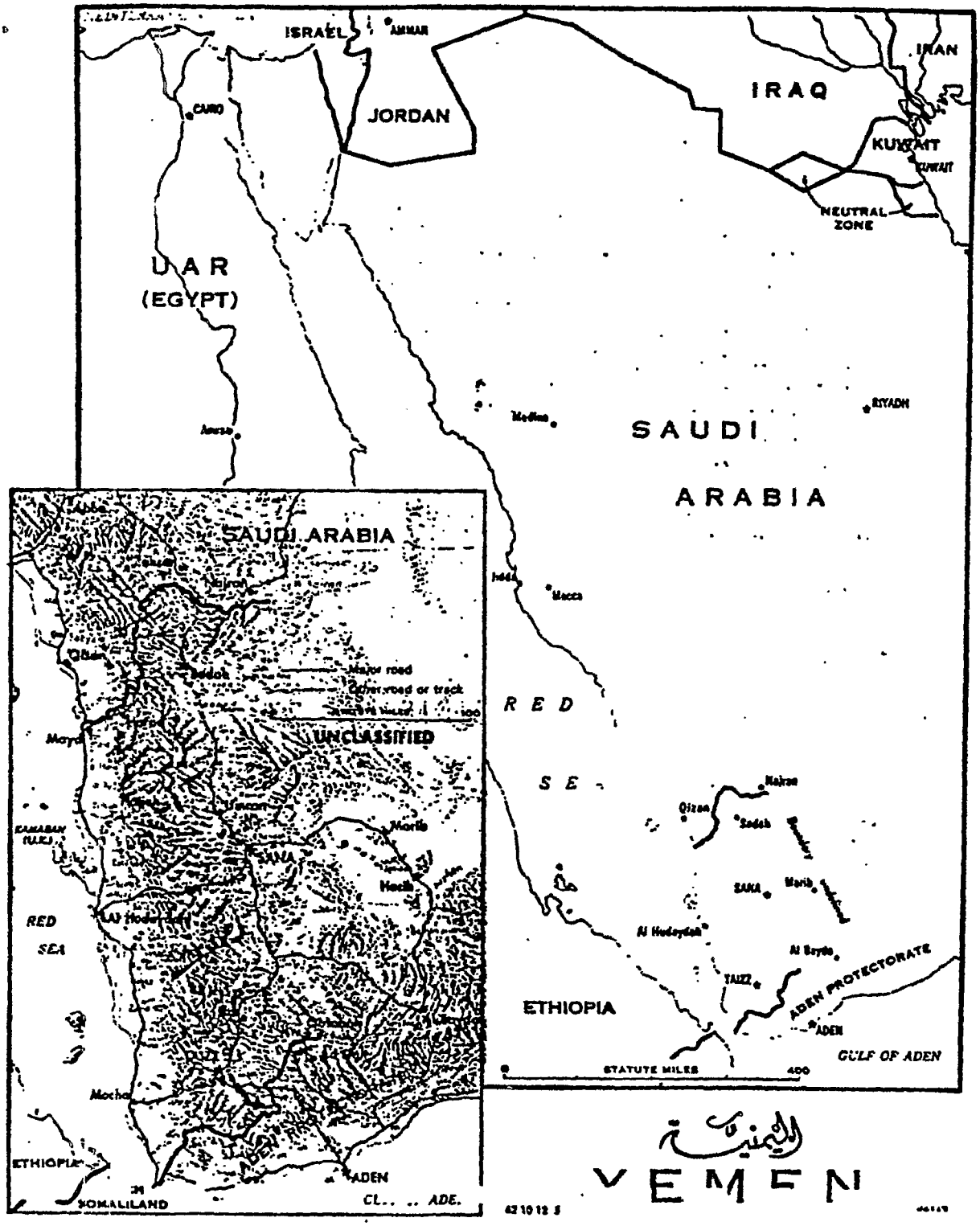
3. Saudi Arabia - Yemen

a. King Saud has named Crown Prince Faysal prime minister and given him authority to form his own cabinet--which amounts to forced abdication.

b. Jordan's King Husayn has been putting pressure on Saud to intervene in force in Yemen before it is too late, and Saud earlier this week ordered reinforcements dispatched to augment the two Saudi brigades now in the border area.

c. The new regime may now reverse this, however, for the same reason that Saud was persuaded to step aside, i.e., to avert a revolt against the Saudi monarchy which could all too easily be ignited by an adventure into Yemen.

d. Yemeni republican forces claim to have inflicted heavy casualties yesterday on Saudi forces which had infiltrated into a tribal stronghold in northeast Yemen. There may be something to the claim, [redacted]



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4. Congo

a. Adoula's government is boiling up around him, and may compel him to disavow the accords reached so far.

b. The cabinet is in virtual revolt over what it considers unwarranted liberties taken by UN officials in promoting these deals, some of which Adoula is saying privately he never saw or approved.

c. The more rabid members are demanding that Adoula issue a statement repudiating the agreements and invite the UN to leave.

d. The government radio is already deprecating as sheer propaganda Tshombé's actions under his commitment to McGhee. It is also saying the cease-fire accord is not binding on the Congo Army, which it says responds only to orders from the central government.

e. Ambassador Gullion has his finger in the dike, hoping that with the arrival of Bunche and the return of Gardiner today, some repair work can be done.

5. USSR

a. The five members of the Soviet party presidium who normally reside outside of Moscow have been in town for the past several days; we gather from this that the leadership is putting final touches on the scenario for the party Central Committee plenum coming up in November.

b. We think Khrushchev intends the session to focus on domestic affairs, presumably including the "major reorganization" which lower-level party officials have been talking about recently.

c. We still can only speculate about what this impending reorganization might entail. The only new approach to current problems being floated publicly is the radical Libermann proposal (described in last Sunday's Times) for putting industrial enterprises on a profit rather than plan fulfillment basis.

d. This proposal by a respected Soviet economist and administrator is being tested at a number of enterprises, but we doubt that it could be widely applied very soon.
(Includes INTERCEPTS)

6. Laos

a. Souvanna plans next week to balance off his trip to Bangkok with one to Hanoi where, he says, he will pursue the matter of troop withdrawals. He intends to go on to Peiping if he can get no satisfaction in Hanoi.

b. The matter of German recognition seems well on its way to solution with Bonn ready to recall its ambassador and instead establish a commercial mission. Souvanna has promised in this case not to accord diplomatic recognition to the East Germans who will also be limited to a commercial delegation.

c. Souvanna's relations with the Pathet Lao continue to worsen.

7. Nationalist China

a. The Nationalists have begun infiltrating small, specially trained teams into Mainland China to spark resistance movements.

b. Profiting from earlier failures in attempts of this sort, the Nationalists this time are including recent refugees who will know their way around a little better.

c. However, there is no evidence yet that the few teams put ashore so far are in radio contact with Taiwan.

NOTES

A. USSR Khrushchev, according to the Yugoslavs, will be making a speech today (the 150th anniversary of Borodino) during which he will touch on foreign policy.

B. South Korea Ambassador Berger warns that a student protest movement against the institution of national standard exams could blow up quickly into a major political crisis.

C. Finland-USSR Kekkonen tells us that in his two and a half hour talk with Khrushchev this week, the Soviet leader did not press him on the matter of a German peace treaty, in fact, did not even bring the subject up.